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SUBJ: DAKR DAILY ASSERTS US HAS GIVEN UP IN ANGOLA;

REPORTS SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPECTED TO VISIT

SENEGAL IN MARCH

1. IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON ANGOLA IN FEB. 14 EDITION,
LE SOLEIL CLAIMS THAT "THE AMERICANS HAVE NOW GIVEN UP IN
ANGOLA, WHERE THEY HAVE DECIDED TO LET THE SOVIET UNION
CARRY ON OPERATIONS". ARTICLE, WRITTEN BY NEWSPAPER'S ANGOLA EXPERT,
MAM

LESS DIA, RECALLS THAT CIA HAD PROVIDED FNLA/UNITA WITH \$30
MILLION IN AID IN 1975, WHILE SOVIET UNION SPENT OVER
\$170 MILLION TO ARM MPLA. "NOW THAT MPLA VICTORY LOOMS AS
A CERTAIN PROSPECT, THEY TALK IN THE U.S. OF TAKING UP
THE SOVIET CHALLENGE. KISSINGER PROPOSES TO TAKE HIS
PILGRIM'S STAFF FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF
STATE FAVORABLE TO A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. HE IS EVEN
EXPECTED IN SENEGAL DURING THE COURSE OF THE MONTH OF MARCH
AND HE FIRMLY MAINTAINS THAT ANGOLA IS NOT LOST. WHAT IS
CERTAIN IS THAT AMERICA WILL NOT LIFT A LITTLE FINGER

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TO SAVE THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA, AS IT TRIED TO DO."

2. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT USG WAS READY UNTIL LAST MONTH TO FINANCE DEPLOYMENT OF 3,000 ANTI-CASTRO CUBANS TO AID UNITA, BUT "IT SEEMS NOW THAT THAT IS NO LONGER THE CASE." PRESENT AMERICAN PREOCCUPATION IS SEEN AS DESTINATION OF HEAVY ARMS SENT BY MOSCOW VIA ALGIERS, BAMAKO AND CONAKRY, POSSIBLY FOR MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN ZAIRE AND NAMIBIA, SINCE SUBSTANTIAL DELIVERIES ARE CONTINUING INSPITE OF "NEARLY CONSECRATED VICTORY" OF MPLA.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES, HOWEVER, BY STRESSING THAT PRESENT PROBLEM REMAINS THAT OF ANGOLA, WHERE "ENORMOUS INTERESTS ARE AT STAKE. INTERESTS SO IMPORTANT THAT THEY OVERWHELM THE AFRICAN WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO CONCILIATORY DIALOGUE".

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